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Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park

PUBLIC PRESENTATION ON THE INTERPRETIVE MASTER PLAN FOR COLONEL ALLENSWORTH STATE PARK

EARLIMART, CALIFORNIA – State Parks will be hosting a public presentation, scheduled for June 14, 2003, on the draft interpretive master plan for Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park. The meeting will be held at the park. It will begin at 1:00 p.m. and is scheduled to conclude at 3:00 p.m.

The presentation will offer Allensworth enthusiasts and other interested parties the opportunity to learn how this plan will provide interpretive direction for Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park.

Following the presentation, all participants will be given copies of the draft interpretive plan for their review. Written comments must be received by June 19, 2003. Interested parties unable to attend the presentation may request a copy by phone. Please contact Terri Lopez at 916/445-8840. The draft interpretive document will be made available starting June 14, 2003.

Development of the Allensworth Interpretive Master Plan is one component of the State Parks' \$8 million capital outlay project for the park. The primary focus of the \$8 million project is the reconstruction and restoration of many of the historic structures that were present when the town was thriving in the early 1900's.

Allensworth is the only California town to be founded, financed and governed by African-Americans. Colonel Allen Allensworth founded the town in 1908 with four other black men who were dedicated to the principle of improving the economic and social status of blacks.

Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park is located in Tulare County, approximately 75 miles south of Fresno and 38 miles north of Bakersfield, off Highway 99.

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